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SUBJECT: US BASES IN THE PHILIPPINES

1. LOCAL PRESS TODAY CARRIED UPI PIECE OUT OF TOKYO ON SEPTEMBER 30 NEWS CONFERENCE BY TRISTAN BEPLAT (EX VP OF MANUFACTURERS HANOVER TRUST) IN WHICH BEPLAT REPORTEDLY SAID HE WOULD CONFER WITH PRES. MARCOS IN NOVEMBER ON USING PORTIONS OF THE FACILITIES AT SUBIC, CLARK, AND JOHN HAY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE ECONOMY.

2. ACCORDING TO UPI REPORT, BEPLAT SAID HE BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH MARCOS WHEN THE PHILIPPINE PRESIDENT WAS STILL A SENATOR AND "HAS SINCE BECOME A VERY CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND." BEPLAT NOTED THAT HE BEGAN EXPLORING THIS PROJECT IN JUNE WHEN HE WAS ASKED BY MARCOS "TO FORM A GROUP OF HIGH LEVEL PEOPLE TO EXAMINE PROBLEMS OF HOW TO RESTRUCTURE AMERICAN MILITARY BASES IN THE PHILIPPINES." WITHOUT PROVIDING NAMES, BEPLAT SAID THAT SEVEN AMERICANS -- SOME OF THEM RETIRED HIGH-RANKING MILITARY OFFICERS -- HAVE SHOWN INTEREST IN THE PROJECT.

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3. BEPLAT IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT SUBIC HAD

POTENTIAL FOR COMMERCIAL SHIP REPAIRS (HE NOTED IN PASSING KAWASAKI'S INTEREST THERE); CLARK COULD BE USED FOR COMMERCIAL AIR FREIGHT SERVICE; AND JOHN HAY COULD BE CONVERTED TO A TOURIST ATTRACTION.

4. IN LIGHT OF THE REPORTS OF BEPLAT'S CALLS IN WASHINGTON, NONE OF THIS IS NEWS TO US. HOWEVER, IT IS DISTURBING TO SEE IT BECOMING NEWS TO OTHERS, PARTICULARLY AT A TIME WHEN WE ARE TRYING TO KEEP THE ISSUE OF BASES OUT OF THE PAPERS HERE. ESPECIALLY TROUBLESOME IS BEPLAT'S OBSERVATION THAT THE US GOVERNMENT "IN PRINCIPLE IS AGREEABLE", IT IS OBVIOUS SOMEONE NEEDS TO DO SOME MORE SERIOUS TALKING TO BEPLAT. HE IS A REASONABLE MAN AND SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO REALIZE THAT HE IS INVOLVED IN SOFT BOILED SCHEMES WHICH COULD LEAVE EGG ON HIS AND SEVERAL OTHER DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN FACES. MORE-OVER, HE IS HANDLING EGGS THAT DO NOT RPT NOT HAVE THE USG STAMP OF APPROVAL. WE WILL SEEM HIM IN NOVEMBER BUT WOULD HOPE THAT THE DEPARTMENT COULD AGAIN SHOW HIM CAUTION FLAGS WHEN HE RETURNS FROM TOKYO.
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